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Applicants: Joy Francine Jordan; Ali Yahiaoui; Docket No.: 17442  
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For: DURABLE HYDROPHILIC TREATMENT FOR A BIODEGRADABLE POLYMERIC  
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**Transmittal Letter**

**New Utility Patent Application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)  
Plural Inventors**

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the above-identified new utility patent application.

Enclosed are:

1. This Transmittal Form including Fee Authorization and a duplicate for fee processing.
2. A Specification having a total of 25 pages, including a one (1) page Abstract and Thirty-seven (37) claims.
3. One (1) sheet of drawing.
4. A Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney.
5. An assignment of this invention, including a 37 CFR 3.73(b) statement, to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. and completed Form PTO 1595 Recordation Form Cover Sheet. Please charge the \$40.00 assignment recording fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.21(h), to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875.
6. And, if indicated:
  - ☐ A preliminary amendment.
  - ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement, PTO 1449 and copies of the documents (excluding pending applications) cited therein. Pending applications are recited on a separate sheet to avoid their being printed on the face of any patent issuing herefrom.
  - ☐ A Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2) (B)(i).

Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §120 and/or 35 U.S.C. 119(e), Applicants hereby claim priority from presently copending U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/436,086 entitled "Durable Hydrophilic Treatment for a Biodegradable Polymeric Substrate" and filed on December 23, 2002, in the names of Joy Francine Jordan and Ali Yahiaoui and Palani Raj Ramaswami Wallajapet (Docket No. 17442).

The filing fee, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.16(a), (b), (c) and (d), has been calculated as follows:

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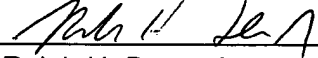
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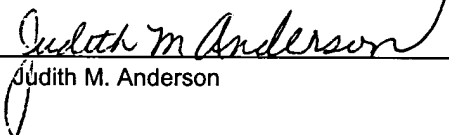
Respectfully submitted,

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I, Judith M. Anderson, hereby certify that on December 10, 2003 the aforementioned documents are being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage prepaid, Express Mail No. ET811248651 US in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Patent Application, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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